

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, June 30, 2014 with Commissioners Ken Masters, Mark Bacon; Jodi Harr, Deputy Auditor and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance. Commissioner Bruce Levi and Auditor Mary Ann Beard were not in attendance.

Commissioner Ken Masters called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

RUSH SHELBY ENERGY

Trudy Jones from Rush Shelby Energy appeared to request a road closure. On July 16, 2014 Rush Shelby Energy will host their annual meeting at their Manilla offices. Due to the road closure on State Road 44, members are being rerouted at Rays Crossing. Because of the congestion that will be in that area, Jones is requesting the commissioners close county road 840 W between the hours of 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on July 16. The Rush County Sheriff Department has arranged for deputies and reserves to handle traffic control. County Highway Superintendent, Jerry Sitton, does not see any problems with closing the road. Mark Bacon made the motion to allow the road closure. Ken Masters seconded. Motion carried.

EMA

Chuck Kemker, EMA Director, presented the 2013 Emergency Management Performance Grants – Salaries for approval by the commissioners. Auditor Mary Ann Beard has already provided the salary information for the grant. Mark Bacon made the motion to sign the grant. Ken Masters seconded. Motion carried.

ASSESSOR

Rush County Assessor, Mary Ann Bridges, presented an addendum to the counties contract with Nexus reflecting a change in reassessment dates. The state changed the reassessment date to January 1, 2016. The county attorney has reviewed the addendum. Mark Bacon made the motion to sign the amended contract. Ken Masters seconded. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Bryan Barrett, member of the Community Corrections Board, notified the commissioners of the retirement of Dr. John Williams and therefore, making him ineligible to be on the Community Corrections Board. Williams was the education appointment by the commissioners. Matt Vance, the new Rush County School Superintendent, has agreed to replace Williams and is the recommendation from the Community Correction Board. Mark Bacon made the motion to appoint Matt Vance to the Community Correction Board. Ken Masters seconded. Motion carried.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Sandy Fussner, Director of the Chamber of Commerce, invited everyone to the parade and fireworks on July 4. She also distributed a map outlining the route of the Rush County Covered Bridge Poker Run to be held on September 20, 2014.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION

Area Plan Director, Rhea Dawn Buckley, requested the commissioners approve an amendment to the zoning maps at 8500 S. State Road 3 from A1 rural residential to commercial. No one will be living on the premises. Both buildings will be used for commercial purposes. Mark Bacon made the motion to advertise a public hearing at 9:15 a.m. at the July 28, 2014 Commissioner meeting to consider the rezone petition. Ken Masters seconded. Motion carried.

MILROY EMS

Leigh Morning, County Attorney, advised the commissioners that the ambulance sold to Milroy EMS Inc. years ago for \$1.00 is not the ambulance currently owned by Milroy EMS Inc.; therefore, she did not send a letter as advised to do at the last commissioner meeting. Becky Puckett, representing the current Milroy ambulance service questioned if the equipment that was with the ambulance should be returned. Morning advised the ambulance was the only thing sold. Morning also noted the Milroy EMS Inc. is in good standing with the State of Indiana.

In another matter, Puckett requested status of the dual dispatch between Rush Memorial Hospital and Milroy Ambulance. Mark Bacon noted this will be discussed with all of those involved when Commissioner Bruce Levi returns.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Jerry Sitton stated the health insurance committee met on June 20 and agreed to rollover medical coverage to Sagamore and to use Elite for the counties reinsurance. Dental coverage will change to Delta Dental. For medical insurance the cost for the county and to the employees will remain the same. Mark Bacon made the motion to sign the Quote with Elite for reinsurance. Ken Masters seconded. Motion carried. Mark Bacon made the motion to sign the documents with Delta Dental to provide dental insurance. Ken Masters seconded. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Superintendent, Jerry Sitton, notified the commissioners that the county has been awarded \$820,000 for rehabilitation of Bridge #138 on 715W north of Homer. It will be approximately three years before the work on the bridge begins. In the same award the City of Rushville was awarded \$4.6 million for the Cherry Street extension project.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Jeff Sherwood reported the inmate count is down to 31. He is anticipating the number will increase with the changes in the law effective July 1. Sherwood noted the commissioners will notice a significant amount of overtime on the next payroll due to deputy coverage at the Rush County Fair.

2015 SALARY RECOMMENDATION

Ken Masters noted the commissioners met to discuss the budget request for 2015. They are recommending a 2% (two percent) pay increase for county employees in 2015 along with a new plan for bonus pay based on the employee's years of continued service with Rush County. Mary Ann Bridges noted her concern on the calculation of her years of service due to the state eliminating her job in 2007.

Western Surety Bond for Jeannie Bowles signed on a motion by Mark Bacon and seconded by Ken Masters.

Claims were approved on a motion by Mark Bacon and seconded by Ken Masters. Mark Bacon moved to pay the payroll claims. Ken Masters seconded the motion.

Mark Bacon moved to adjourn. Ken Masters offered a second. Motion carried.

Bruce Levi, Chairman

/s/ Mark Bacon
Mark Bacon

/s/ Ken Masters
Ken Masters

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary Ann Beard
Mary Ann Beard, Auditor